

September 22, 2005

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received **ONLY** in the office of the Purchasing Division at the Lafayette Consolidated Government Building, located at 705 W. University, Lafayette, Louisiana, until 2:00 p.m. Central Daylight Savings Time on the **18th** day of **October, 2005**, for the following:

FIRST FLOOR A/C UPGRADE AT THE LAFAYETTE PARISH CORRECTIONAL CENTER FOR LAFAYETTE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

and will, shortly thereafter, be opened and read aloud at a location to be designated by the Purchasing Division. Bids received after the above specified time for opening shall not be considered and shall be returned unopened to the sender.

The work shall consist of the replacement of approximately 50% of existing Air Handlers on First Floor of Lafayette Parish Correction Center and the addition of one (1) new First Floor Air Handler.

Copies of specifications are available at the office of Poche' Prouet Associates, Ltd, 201 W. Vermilion Street, Suite 200, Lafayette, LA 70501, telephone number (337) 237-6517 upon payment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per set, nonrefundable, payable to Lafayette Consolidated Government. **NOTE: NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED- ONLY CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS MADE PAYABLE TO LAFAYETTE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT.** Plans and specifications shall be available until twenty-four hours before the bid opening date.

All bidders are requested to attend a Pre-Bid meeting which will be held on October 11, 2005 at (10:00) ten o'clock a.m. at the Lafayette Parish Correctional Center, 916 Lafayette Street, Lafayette, LA, 70501.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond payable to the Lafayette Consolidated Government, the amount of which shall be five percent (5%) of the base bid plus additive alternates. If a bid bond is used, it shall be written by a surety or insurance company currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-Rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide, or by an insurance company in good standing licensed to write bid bonds which is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents. The bid bond shall be issued by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana. The certified check, cashier's check or bid bond shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder shall execute the contract, should it be awarded to him, in conformity with the contract documents within ten (10) days.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for at least forty-five (45) days after the time scheduled for the opening of bids. Each bid shall be submitted only on the quotation form provided with the specifications. The successful contractor will be required to execute performance and labor and material payment bonds in the full amount of the contract as more fully defined in the bid documents.

Bids will be evaluated by the Purchaser based on the lowest responsible bid submitted which is also in compliance with the specifications. The Lafayette Consolidated Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids or any portions thereof, to waive informalities and to select the material that best suits its needs.

Contractors or contracting firms doing work which is classed as "Hazardous Materials" or any subclassifications shall be properly licensed when the work to be performed is \$1.00 or more. Contractors or contracting firms submitting bids for work besides Hazardous Materials, shall be properly licensed for any work in the amount of \$50,000 or more. All such bidders shall certify that they are licensed contractors under Chapter 24 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and show their license number on the front of the sealed envelope in which their bid is enclosed. **Contractors for this project shall be licensed for the classification of "MECHANICAL".** Bids in the amount specified above which have not bid in accordance with the requirements, shall be rejected and shall not be read. Additional information relative to licensing may be obtained from the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Lafayette Consolidated Government strongly encourages the participation of DBEs (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) in all contract or procurements let by the Lafayette Consolidated Government for goods and services and labor and material. To that end, all contractors and suppliers are encouraged to utilize DBEs business enterprises in the purchase or sub-contracting of materials, supplies, services and labor and material in which disadvantaged business are available. Assistance in identifying said businesses may be obtained by calling 291-8410.

s/Connie Broussard

Lafayette Consolidated Government